

Claims

1. A key system which uses, as a key, an ID card for outputting ID output signals including ID data to the outside, comprising:

 ID signal receiving means for receiving ID output signals transmitted from said ID card;

 ID extracting means for extracting ID data from ID output signals received by the ID signal receiving means;

 ID storage means for storing ID data beforehand;

 coincidence determination means for determining whether or not there is ID data coinciding with the ID data extracted by said ID extracting means;

 operation enabling means for making effective equipment unlocking or equipment operation when the coincidence determination means admits coincidence of both ID data,

 as said ID card, a driver's license, a passport, and other identity proving ID cards that can univocally specify an owner's identity being used,

 said key system further comprising a memory content change means for adding/deleting memory content of said ID storage means.

2. The key system according to claim 1, wherein when said coincidence determination means admits the coincidence of both ID data, said equipment unlocking or equipment operation is performed.

3. The key system according to claim 1, wherein an ID card and a physical key are both used, and

 when said coincidence determination means admits the coincidence of both ID data and further physical key operation is performed, said equipment unlocking or equipment operation is performed.

4. The key system according to claim 3 further comprising time setting means for setting an operation effective time for which key operation is effective,

 the key operation being effective only until the operation effective time set by said time setting means elapses after said coincidence determination means admits the coincidence of both ID data.

5. The key system according to claim 3 or 4, wherein said ID card is a driver's license,

said key is an ignition key, and
said equipment is a car, a motorcycle, or other vehicles.